



LibriVox volunteers bring you 18 recordings of Nightwind by John Clare. This was the Weekly Poetry project for June 4, 2023.

Clare had bought a copy of James Thomson's *The Seasons* and began to write poems and sonnets. In an attempt to hold off his parents' eviction from their home, Clare offered his poems to a local bookseller, Edward Drury, who sent them to his cousin, John Taylor of the Taylor & Hessey firm, which had published the work of John Keats. Taylor published Clare's *Poems Descriptive of Rural Life and Scenery* in 1820. The book was highly praised and the next year his *Village Minstrel and Other Poems* appeared. "There was no limit to the applause bestowed upon Clare, unanimous in their admiration of a poetical genius coming before them in the humble garb of a farm labourer." (Summary by Wikipedia)

Read by LibriVox volunteers . Total running time: 00:20:56

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